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Letter dated 4 January 1996 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 22 December 1995, addressed to you by His Excellency Mr. Osman Ertuğ, representative of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hüseyin E. ÇELEM
Ambassador
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ANNEX

Letter dated 22 December 1995 from Mr. Osman Ertuğ
addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of a resolution on the situation in Cyprus adopted by the Twenty-third Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Conakry, Guinea from 9 to 12 December 1995.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its appendix circulated as a document of the fiftieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 55, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Osman ERTUĞ
Representative
Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

APPENDIX

Resolution on the situation in Cyprus adopted by the Twenty-third Conference of Islamic Foreign Ministers, held at Conakry from 9 to 12 December 1995

The Twenty-third Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Conakry, Republic of Guinea, from 9 to 21 Rajab, 1416H (9-12 December 1995),

Reaffirming the previous resolutions of the Islamic Conferences on the question of Cyprus which express firm support for the rightful cause of the Turkish Muslim community of Cyprus, which constitutes an integral part of the Islamic world,

Reiterating its support for the efforts of the Secretary-General of the United Nations under his mission of good offices towards a negotiated settlement mutually acceptable to both sides,

Welcoming, in this context, the acceptance by the Turkish Cypriot side of the package of confidence-building measures suggested by the Secretary-General of the United Nations following his assessment of November 1992 that it would be difficult to achieve any success in the negotiations towards a comprehensive settlement as long as the current crisis of confidence between the two sides continues,

Noting that there had been sufficient progress for the United Nations to implement the package of confidence-building measures on the basis outlined in the complementary report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations of 28 June 1994 concerning his mission of good offices,

Considering that the excessive rearmament of the Greek Cypriot side deepens further the existing mistrust between the two sides and constitutes a threat to peace and stability on the island,

Recalling that in the more than 30 years since the establishment of the United Nations Force in Cyprus, it has not been possible to achieve a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus problem,

Mindful of the necessity to respect the full equality of the two sides in Cyprus in order to facilitate the efforts towards an overall settlement,

Recalling its resolution adopted at the twentieth session, as well as the resolution adopted by the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference which decided the enhancement of the participation of the Turkish Muslim community of Cyprus in the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Noting, in this regard, its resolution adopted at the twenty-second session, as well as resolution No. 14/7-P adopted by the Seventh Islamic Summit Conference,

Appreciating the economic study on the Turkish Muslim community of Cyprus undertaken by the Islamic Development Bank,

Having considered, in this context, the request of the Turkish Cypriot side for full membership in the Organization of the Islamic Conference,

Expressing its solidarity with the Turkish Muslim community of Cyprus and its appreciation for their constructive efforts to attain a just and mutually acceptable settlement,

1. Reaffirms the equality of the two parties in Cyprus as the principle enabling them to live side-by-side in security, peace and harmony without the one having the ability to exploit, oppress or threaten the other;

2. Urges member States to strengthen effective solidarity with the Turkish Muslim people of Cyprus and to increase and expand their relations in all fields and in particular in the fields of trade, tourism, culture, information, investment and sports;

3. Decides to support, until the Cyprus problem is solved, the rightful claim of the Turkish Muslim community of Cyprus for the right to be heard in all international forums where the Cyprus problem comes up for discussion, on the basis of equality of the two parties in Cyprus;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to carry out the necessary contacts with the Islamic Development Bank with a view to seeking the ways and means of the latter's assistance for the development projects of the Turkish Muslim community of Cyprus;

5. Considers that building of mutual confidence between the two parties on the island is essential to make progress towards an overall settlement of the question;

6. Calls on the two parties to cooperate fully with the Secretary-General of the United Nations to achieve agreement for implementing the confidence-building measures and to resume direct talks without any preconditions;

7. Decides to remain seized of the request of the Turkish Muslim community of Cyprus;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to take all the necessary measures for the implementation of this resolution and to make further recommendations as appropriate;

9. Requests further the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to monitor closely developments in Cyprus and to present a comprehensive report to the Twenty-fourth Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers.